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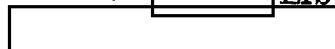
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*Egypt - West Germany: Nasir's speech yesterday denouncing Bonn's "treachery" in supplying arms to Israel was an effort to set the stage for today's Arab League meeting called to deal with Arab relations with West Germany.

Nasir stated that he would make no announcement on Bonn's decision to seek full diplomatic relations with Israel until the league meeting, and declared that he wanted a united Arab stand on the matter.

In an attempt to utilize the emotional Israeli issue as a pressure device for a united Arab position against West Germany, Nasir reemphasized Arab determination to oppose Israel and denounced the "crime" of Israel's establishment.

Unanimity among the Arab states on this issue will be difficult for Nasir to achieve. The King of Morocco, however, has canceled a scheduled visit to West Germany as an indication of Arab displeasure with Bonn's policy.

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France-US: Attempts to apply US trade controls to an American company's French subsidiary may trigger an intensified campaign against US investments in France.

Paris plans to protest US efforts to prevent Fruehauf/France, a 70-percent American-owned company, from delivering 16 semitrailers to a purely French firm for onward shipment to Communist China. After the US Treasury warned of the consequences for the parent US company if the sale went through, Fruehauf attempted to cancel its contract but was blocked by a French court order.

The French Government, moreover, intends to intervene in support of the original decision if the American directors of Fruehauf appeal to a higher court. France maintains that its sovereignty is violated if French companies are subjected to US laws and regulations on trade with Communist countries.

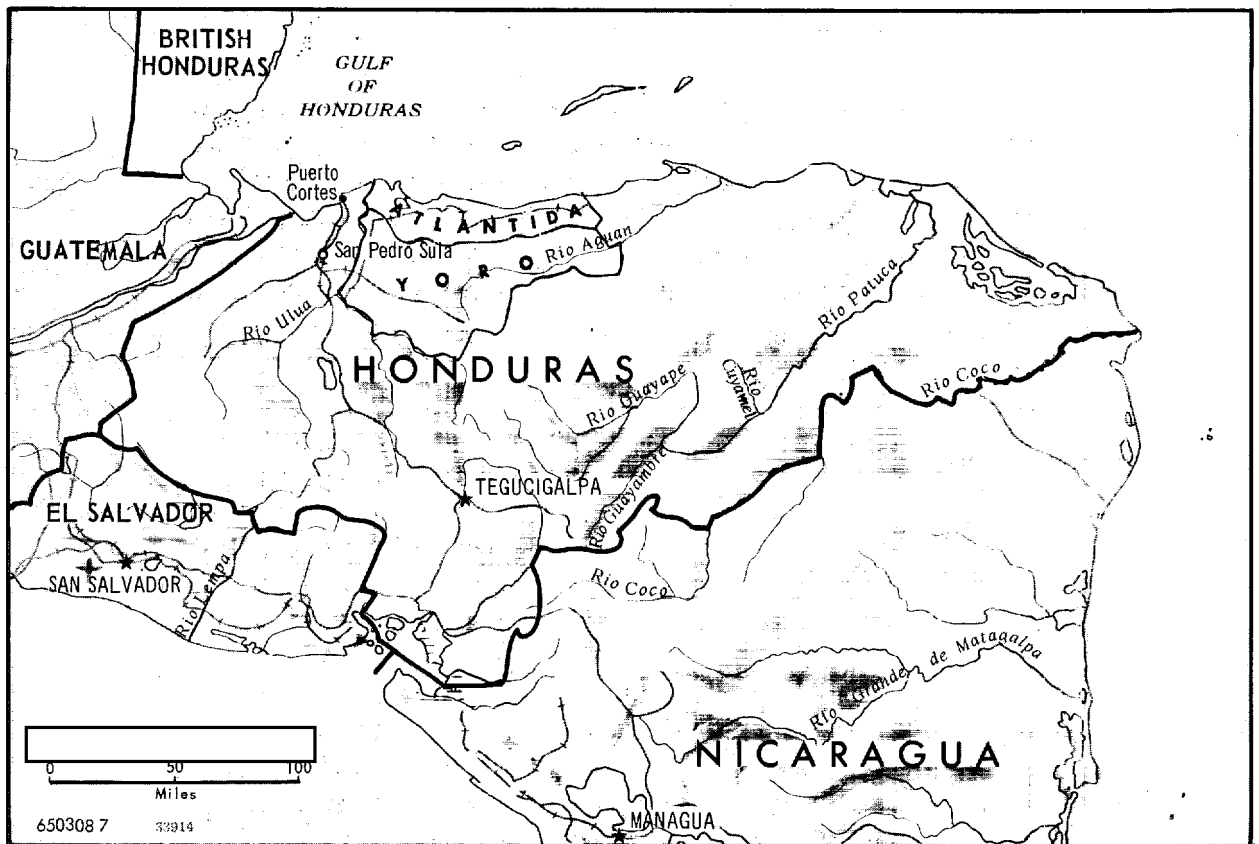
Although it is not an isolated case, the US Embassy anticipates that Paris intends to dramatize the Fruehauf issue to substantiate its assertion that US subsidiaries in France can be used as instruments for the extension of US "political domination."

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Honduras: [Honduran Communists may soon resume guerrilla operations after a six month lull]

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[The prevailing political atmosphere in Honduras would seem to invite a fresh upsurge of Communist-inspired trouble. Dissatisfaction stirred by the government's blatant rigging of last month's constituent assembly election against the Liberals has been aggravated by the removal last week of air force chief Escalon and several of his chief subordinates]

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Libya: Prime Minister Muntassir is pressing for an early resumption of talks with the US on the future of Wheelus Air Base. Muntassir states that the position of his government, which he has cleared with the King, is that the US should retain Wheelus at least until the base treaty expires in 1971, but public opinion requires negotiations to continue. Despite these assurances, public pressures may again build to a point where Muntassir would attempt to convince the King that the base must go.

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